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Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club WIRELESS

Minutes April 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 pm by president Dave KD6FIL. There were 12 members in attendance. John WB6FRZ.

Minutes of the March Meeting: approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: We have about $2,000 in the bank account.

ACS: Net control stations are needed for the Monday net. The county volunteer recognition is April 30. RSVP by calling 565-1152 or through the ACS website.

Old Business:

Sonoma Valley High School: Ken N6KM and Jim K6UUW have been bringing in kits for the kids to work on. They have make audio amplifiers and led blinking things.

New Business:

We will hold a training class the second weekend in June (6/13 & 14).

VE Session: Saturday, 4/25 at Hamfest.

Hamfest (April 25): Ed W6EJ will organize the kitchen crew. Ed KA6OFR will do the talk-in. Joan W6WXU is in charge of vendors. Jim K6UUW will run the club station. We have received confirmation that the Sheriff's mobile command center and communication trucks will be on display.

Antenna party will be Friday at 4.

Field Day (June 27/28): We have booked Camp Via at Sonoma Developmental Center for the event.

Next Meeting: Dave KD6FIL will be on vacation. Ken N6KM will ask if we can use the EOC.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respecfully submitted,
Eileen Adams KG6QNT

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 7:30 pm
City of Sonoma EOC
175 1st St West
Sonoma Police Department

Speaker: Mark Stevens, County Search and Rescue

Highlights from ARRL

—Read the complete stories at arrl.org

Scientists Predict Solar Cycle 24 to Peak in 2013 (May 11, 2009) -- At the annual Space Weather Workshop held in Boulder, Colorado last month, an international panel of experts led by NOAA's Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC) predicted that Solar Cycle 24 will peak in May 2013 with 90 sunspots per day on average. If the prediction proves true, Solar Cycle 24 will be the weakest cycle since Solar Cycle 16 which peaked with 78 daily sunspots in 1928, and ninth weakest since the 1750s, when numbered cycles began.

ARRL Grassroots Legislative Action Program Solicits Member Support for HR 2160 (May 8, 2009 [REVISED May 8, 2009 17:15 ET]) -- One of the biggest challenges that amateurs face is antenna restrictions -- those implemented by local governments and those originating from deed restrictions and building development covenants. As many hams know, the FCC's PRB-1 limited preemption order offers amateurs some relief when facing zoning and building restrictions; however, PRB-1 does not extend to include covenants, conditions and restrictions (known as CC&Rs). These deed and property use restrictions strongly and negatively affect the ability of Amateur Radio Service licensees to perform valuable emergency and disaster communications. Finding a method to extend the PRB-1 protections is a key component of the ARRL Legislative Action Program.

Feature: Amateur Radio Quiz: Calculation Calisthenics (May 4, 2009) -- These are typical problems a ham might encounter over the course of normal operations. How long, how high, how heavy -- all are part of getting that radio gear working and keeping it working. Don't despair, all of the necessary formulas and conversion factors are in *The ARRL Handbook* or on the Web.

2009 VOMARC

Net Control Assignments

Month	Name	Call
MAY	JOAN	W6WXU
JUNE	ED	W1EJ
JULY	GEORGE	K6ITE
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W6LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMN
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

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Eileen Adams, KG6QNT – Webmeistress, Editor

Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC—S. Marler.

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month at McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge or the Sonoma Fire Station on 2nd St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: http://www.vomarc.org/

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is off the air until further notice.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Palms Grill (formerly Issa's) Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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SEE YOU THERE.

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP

VOMARC 2009 Membership Dues: $15/year individual; $5/year family member.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at www.arrl.org.
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Membership Moment, From the Database Queen

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter. It tells you when your VOMARC dues are due. Dues may be mailed to Marty KI6RTP, 20829 Via Colombard, Sonoma, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting. If there is any mistake, please do not shoot the messenger; email Eileen KG6QNT at Eileen@vom.com. Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC**